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Dear Dennis:

I am writing concerning the Commission's delay in the processing of the application (File No. 881012KE) filed by Community Television of Southern California ("KCET") for construction of a new commercial television station to operate on Channel 39 in Bakersfield, California.

That application proposes the first off-the-air public television service to one of the few remaining major metropolitan areas of the country without such service. KCET's application is subject to the freeze imposed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to assure the availability of spectrum for high definition television.

However, I understand that KCET has requested a waiver of that freeze by demonstrating that grant of an application to operate on Channel 39 will not adversely affect the availability of spectrum for high definition television.

I have been advised that the waiver request has been pending before the FCC for six months and that until it is acted on, the Commission cannot begin the process of considering whether KCET's application for a competing application which has been filed by KMTF Channel 18, Inc. for the same channel be granted. This delay is thus denying the promptest possible institution of public television service in the Bakersfield area.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress